Development of Bandel as Terminal Station

2131. SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering for the development of Bandel as terminal station to operate EMU services for different directions;

(b) whether any steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Bandel is already a terminal station and EMU services are originating and terminating at this station for different directions.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Attachment of AC Sleeper Coach to Purshottam Express

2132. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of two A.C. Sleeper coaches of Puri-New Delhi Express one has been taken out and attached to Purshottam Express;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have received any requests from Orissa to restore the two A.C. Sleeper coaches in this Train; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This was done as Purshottam Express is a more popular train. Besides, Puri-New Delhi Express was provided additional second class sleeper in lieu thereof.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Provision of another A.C. 2 Tier coach on Puri-New Delhi Express is not feasible as a second sleeper coach will have to be withdrawn.

Opening of Railway Level Crossing Near Bali Vidyapith Higher Secondary School

2133. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand from the local people of Tihu for opening a Railway level crossing near Bali Vidyapith Higher Seconary School in Between Tihu and Kaithalkuchi Railway stations; and

(b) if so, reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of Car Shed

2134. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of car-sheds established so far for maintenance of EMU rakes in Howrah, Sealdah and Kharagpur Divisions;

(b) the capacity of each car-shed;

(c) whether there is any plan to increase their capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have since taken any decision to set up a car-shed at Barddhaman; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The number of car sheds so far established for maintenance of EMU rakes are as under:-

Name of Division	No. of Car sheds
Howrah	2 Nos.
Sealdah	3 Nos.
Kharagpur	2 Nos.

(b) The capacity of each car shed is as under:-

Name of Car shed		Capacity No. of Rakes
(i)	Howrah	22
(ii)	Bandel	18
(iii)	Narkeldanga	17
(iv)	Sonarpur	21
(v)	Barasat	28
(vi)	Tikiapara	22.5
(vii)	Panskura	9.5

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Due to adequate capacity for maintenance of EMU rakes and operational constraints, it is not necessary to set up a car shed at Barddhaman.